

In compliance with the City of Kirkland Water Shortage Contingency Plan, Kirkland, in conjunction with the Cascade Water Alliance, and Seattle Public Utilities are entering the Water Shortage Voluntary Stage as of Tuesday, August 11, 2015. The Water Shortage Contingency Plan identifies stages and provides for notification to customers should the need arise to reduce water demand. We are asking our customers to help us reduce our consumption by 10 percent.

As a reminder, not all City residents, businesses, and other users are served by the City's water utility. Please see service area map below.

**1. ADVISORY:**

The first stage of the plan is called "advisory." Under this advisory stage, purveyors notify customers that a potential water supply problem exists and that there may be a need to take future steps should the water supply situation deteriorate.

**2. VOLUNTARY:**

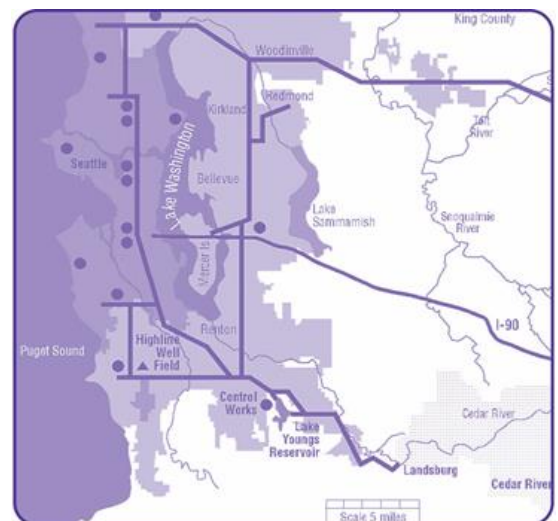
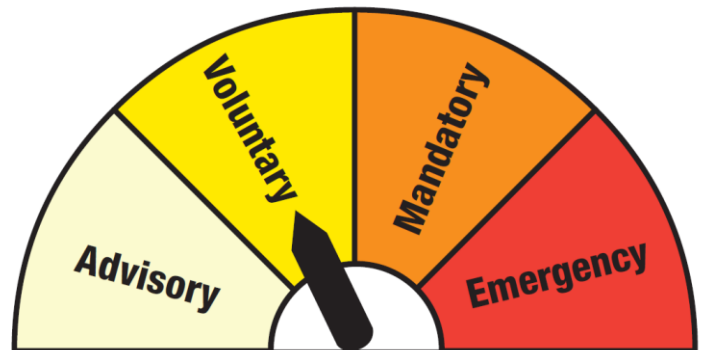
The second stage is called "voluntary." This stage occurs if water supply conditions deteriorate. During this stage, customers are asked to reduce water use with specific actions suggested to meet target consumption goals.

**3. MANDATORY:**

If the voluntary stage does not achieve the needed reduction or conditions worsen, the third stage, called "mandatory" occurs. This stage mandates specific water reduction measures and is accompanied by an enforcement plan.

**4. EMERGENCY CURTAILMENT:**

The fourth stage, called "emergency curtailment," would be used in circumstances of a severe, persistent drought or water system emergency that requires immediate and/or more stringent consumption restrictions. It is unlikely that this stage would be implemented.



Northshore and Woodinville Utility Districts serve certain portions of north Kirkland.

## VOLUNTARY STAGE TOP TIPS

### Outdoors Tips for All Customers

- Let your lawn go dormant and limit plant watering to twice a week.
- Do only essential pressure washing (prepping before house painting).
- Minimize refilling swimming pools and hot tubs.
- Turn off water features.
- Fall is the best time for planting.
- Water plants before 8am or after 7pm.
- Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation.
- Put 2 inches of mulch on planting beds and around trees.
- Tune up automatic irrigation systems.
- Use weather-based controllers on automatic irrigation systems.
- Water young trees efficiently using a water bag.
- Never leave a hose running; always use a shut-off nozzle.
- Check for and fix leaks.
- Wash your vehicle(s) at locations that recycle the water.
- Minimize washing of fleet vehicles.
- Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways, and patios.
- Use covers on swimming pools and hot tubs when not in use.

### Indoors Residential Tips

- Reduce your showering time.
- Check for and fix leaks, including checking your toilets for silent leaks.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Minimize garbage disposal use.
- Don't pre-rinse dishes.
- If purchasing fixtures/equipment, choose water-efficient models.

### Indoors Businesses Tips

- Encourage reduced showering times at your facilities.
- Serve water only on request.
- Check for and fix leaks, including checking your toilets for silent leaks.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator.
- Provide new towels only on request.
- Check cooling towers for overflow and excessive blowdown.
- Turn off water-using equipment when not in use.
- Increase employee awareness about using water wisely.
- If purchasing fixtures/equipment, choose water-efficient models.
- Reuse industrial and manufacturing process water.